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# Peking Opens Mexican Intelligence HQ

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MEXICO CITY, July 9—Communist China has established an operational intelligence base here in a fashionable residential area.

It functions under the cover of the New China News Agency, which Peking describes as the "eyes, ears and mouth" of the Chinese Communist party.

The local "news bureau" is staffed by five Chinese, all known to be intelligence agents, not correspondents.

Three are military officers—Capt. Wu Chu, Lt. Tuan Chihche and Lt. Ch'eng Pien.

2nd to Paris

In free world nations where the New China News Agency operates, only the bureau in Paris has a larger staff than the one here.

The bureau here maintains liaison with its counterpart in Cuba, as well as the Red Chinese embassy in Havana. Staffers are seen at the airport meeting with associates traveling to and from Havana.

Observers believe the Mexico City office will take up some of the work formerly handled by nine agents assigned to Brazil.

The Brazilian operation was smashed by the April 1 anti-Communist revolution. The agents still are in jail.

2-Year Lease

The five Chinese agents here and three other associates from Peking who are members of a so-called trade mission have a two-year lease on a large residence.

The trade representatives

are leftovers from a larger group that was here last December to stage an industrial-trade exposition, their first in the Western Hemisphere.

The three trade-seekers, like the New China News Agency men, shy from publicity and do little socializing. They want it to appear that the whole trade delegation left with the exposition.